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President Signs E-Government Act

On December 17th, President George W. Bush signed the "E-Government Act of 2002" into law.

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The legislation builds upon current Administration initiatives to ensure strong leadership of the information technology activities of federal agencies; instilling a comprehensive framework for information security standards and programs; and, developing uniform safeguards to protect the confidentiality of information provided by the public for statistical purposes.

The Act will also help expand the use of the Internet and computer resources to deliver government services, consistent with the reform principles that the President outlined on July 10, 2002. Those principles call for a citizen-centered, results-oriented, and market-based government.



GovBenefits.gov is one example of an innovative way the Administration is fulfilling its commitment to the e-Government initiative. The Department of Labor serves as the managing partner of this project, which is the collaborative effort of 10 federal agencies.

The GovBenefits.gov website consolidates information formerly found on thousands of Web pages. It is designed as a one-stop resource for citizens to learn if they are eligible to receive government benefits. The site is "live" any time of the day for public access to this information. GovBenefits.gov is user-friendly, allowing visitors to answer a short series of simple, "yes-no" questions. Upon processing a user's answer, it then returns a list of federal benefit programs for which they may be eligible.

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GovBenefits.gov has been honored with Government Executive magazine's 2002 Grace Hopper Government Technology Leadership Award. The Department of Labor also won the Performance Institute's "Overall Performance in e-Government" award.

"We are proud that GovBenefits.gov has been recognized for its citizen-centric approach and for its advanced technology," said Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management Patrick Pizzella. "Mostly, we are pleased that the Labor Department's e-Government efforts in support of the President's Management Agenda are being recognized."

The Women's Bureau is pleased to support the President's e-government initiative through our website and sharing this important information in e-News.

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